

June 27, 2018

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
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Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: EB-2017-0073 – Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc. – 2018 Rates

We are representing the Consumers Council of Canada (“Council”) in the above-referenced proceeding regarding the Application of Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc. (“Sioux Lookout”) for approval of its 2018 distribution rates. The Council intervened in this proceeding as it represented the first application to be considered under the Ontario Energy Board’s (“OEB’s”) Proportionate Review approach to rate regulation.

The Council will not be making submissions regarding the application by Sioux Lookout. The process that the OEB has applied in consideration of Sioux Lookout’s application severely restricted the ability of intervenors, and specifically ratepayer groups like the Council, to effectively participate. There was no opportunity for cost recovery. In addition, the OEB proceeded without a hearing, relying on an initial Report to the Registrar by OEB Staff, which was developed based on evidence that was not on the public record. The Registrar, in its Decision on Scope and Review, dated March 28, 2018, relied on the OEB Staff Report to limit the proceeding to five issues. The Council is in no position to assess the reasonableness of the application or whether the issues identified by the Registrar are the only issues relevant to the OEB’s consideration of the application.

Yours truly,

Julie E. Girvan

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CC: All Parties